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Public Hearings on Plans for Storrs Center Phase 4: Market Square and Phase 1C: Building Town Square-3

<u>March 28, 2013</u> – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership will hold two Public Hearings on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at the Mansfield Fire Station 107 meeting hall at 879 Stafford Road, to hear comments on two Zoning Permit applications of Storrs Center Alliance LLC.

7:00 pm: To develop the proposed market area in Storrs Center (Phase 4: Market Square).

7:45 pm: To develop the proposed Town Square-3 (TS-3) building (Phase 1C: Building Town Square-3).

The purpose of the hearings is to receive written or oral comments regarding whether the submitted Zoning Permit applications are in compliance with approval criteria for the Storrs Center Special Design District (the Storrs Center Special Design District regulations are available on the Partnership's website, www.mansfieldct.org/mdp). The public hearing will include a presentation of the proposed plans. Application materials, including project mapping, are available for review at the Mansfield Planning Office, Mansfield Town Clerk's Office, the Downtown Partnership office (all at 4 South Eagleville Road), the Mansfield Public Library (54 Warrenville Road), and online at www.mansfieldct.gov.

Storrs Center is a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut. Located along Storrs Road adjacent to the University, the Town Hall, E.O. Smith High School, and the Mansfield Community Center, Storrs Center combines retail, restaurant, and office uses with residential apartments. It is a pedestrian-oriented downtown that also includes a future town square, a conservation area, and other public spaces. The market square area will include a 31,000 square foot grocery store and a 5,000 square foot commercial building and is located at the corner of Charles Smith Way and Storrs Road. The TS-3 building will include 15,270 square feet of commercial space and 92 apartments. It will be located on Storrs Road, adjacent to the proposed Town Square.

For more information about the Storrs Center project, please visit the Partnership's website, which includes detailed information as well as a list of frequently asked questions. Interested residents may also call the Partnership office (860.429.2740) with questions about the proposed plans for Phase 4 and Phase 1C.